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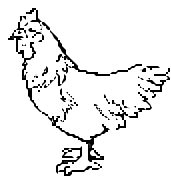
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand over the extended holiday weekend was moderate to good with best movement for retail ads and fast food. Now, needs are assessed and further market developments monitored entering the week. Supplies of smaller sizes were close to tight and held with confidence, but larger sizes were at least adequate and easy to obtain. Trucking problems were still being reported and causing some shortages in the Midwest. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were barely adequate to tight with many inquiries. The remaining items were available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/20/02-05/25/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
(Includes branded product)					
<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>
CORRECTION ON PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR WEEK OF 05/27/02-06/01/02-- New York 55-57					
Bos/New Eng	57.00-59.00	57.76	21	57.30	54
Chicago	48.00-51.00	51.68	37	53.72	78
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	54.91	23
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.83	9
Denver	68.50	68.50	16	66.00	19
Detroit	49.00-50.00	50.92	12	55.40	43
Los Angeles	69.00	67.01	67	64.06	174
New York	55.00-57.00	56.38	24	55.89	51
Philadelphia	54.00-56.00	54.70	10	53.28	23
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	54.60	10	57.75	55
St. Louis	51.00-51.50	50.94	21	52.48	40
San Francisco	69.50	68.62	29	70.34	41

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/27/02	Change/Last Wk	05/20/02	05/28/01
610	58.47	1.70	56.77	59.47

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	55.00-56.00	56.50	34
Central	54.00-60.00	56.55	71
West	54.00-62.50	58.61	41

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	63.00-64.75	63.43	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,144	48.00-64.60	62.49

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	176.00	1,274
BREASTS - B/S	153.50	4,430
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50	1,143
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00	710
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	8,617
WINGS	58.50	2,912

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was good over the holiday weekend and fair to moderate entering the week as dealers assessed the market. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were no more than adequate to balanced, however, the 3.5 pound and larger birds were sufficient. Movement through retail and distribu

tive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were in close balance. Boneless-skinless breasts were generally adequate. The balance of parts were at least sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Demand over the extended holiday weekend showed fair to good movement with most now taking a wait and see attitude and refilling where needed. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in good balance to close with front in the longest position. Wings and dark meat were at least adequate or available with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trading reported on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices, however new negotiations were at unchanged to higher prices for delivery this week. The market tone was generally steady to fully steady. Offerings were adequate overall with small sized product in the closest position. Sizes trended heavy with lightweight product confidently held. Demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported desirable weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this week's deliveries - leg quarters bulk 20-22.5 and 4/10s 22.5-23.25, drumstick 35-37, breast bone-in 88-95 and boneless random weights 142-150. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 56.55 up .89 with the volume reported at 29 loads down 6 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries moved higher into all areas with Ohio TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady with buyers taking a cautious and selective attitude. Offerings adequate, although a few trucking delays caused spot shortages in Ohio. Demand into all channels was fair to good with retail features and fast food outlets showing best movement. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were in a desirable range. In the parts structure, offerings were available for the limited trade needs. The market tone was weak on tenderloins and about steady on the balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to cook whole birds was fair to good and sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings in decent balance for immediate delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, inquiry centered mainly on balanced to tight supplies of bone-in breasts. Other cuts were irregularly balanced but generally adequate.

(A)Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	52-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.48
NO. OF BOXES	9,713

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was good over the holiday weekend and fair to moderate entering the week as dealers assessed the market. Offerings of bone-in breasts were tight and boneless-skinless breasts ranged balanced to adequate. The balance of cuts were generally sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts and generally steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
		TRADING	AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S		150-155	150.13	431,720
TENDERLOINS		105-110	108.28	129,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS		82-83	87.96	149,580
BREAST - LINE RUN		82	85.69	187,000
LEGS		32-33	35.50	182,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		20-21	21.75	415,616
DRUMSTICKS		32-33	33.96	131,980
THIGHS		26-27	29.98	118,120
B/S THIGHS		76-77	73.72	130,960
WINGS (WHOLE)		54-55	60.25	297,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.39	30,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		15-20	17.16	7,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		30-35	38.62	21,680

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,341	135.00-148.00	135-140	139.20
TENDERLOINS	148	82.00-197.00	-	103.48
BREAST - WITH RIBS	162	83.00-93.00	83	85.58
FRONT HALVES	600	54.00-60.00	56-58	56.07
LEGS	-			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,209	14.00-19.00	15-17	16.05
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,710	17.50-19.00	18-19	18.15
WINGS (WHOLE)		NO TRADING REPORTED		
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	2,201	21.00-33.00	21-22	21.64

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/27	05/25	05/25	05/20	05/18
ALA	(A)	4,060	5.14	4,001	5.11
ARK	(A)	4,979	4.93	5,316	4.95
DELMARVA	(A)	2,356	5.55	2,353	5.22
LA-TENN	(A)	2,076	4.62	2,030	4.51
MISS	(A)	2,841	5.30	2,800	5.28
NC	(A)	2,651	6.00	2,654	6.00
TEXAS	2,443	2,470	4.98	2,443	4.94
TOTAL	8,676	21,433	5.19	21,597	5.14
Mon	8,676 (B)			21,597(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-May is estimated to be 12,980,000 down 59.95 percent from a week ago and up 0.1 a year ago.

(Last week 32,408.00,000, last year 12,965.00,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,032	140.00-226.00	145-148	148.27
TENDERLOINS	164	110.00-195.00	110-115	132.17
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	82.00-85.00	-	84.56
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	86	27.00-37.00	27-28	27.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	309	15.50-19.00	16	16.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,530	17.50-26.00	19-21	20.27
WINGS (WHOLE)	290	50.00-62.50	-	59.95
WINGS (CUT)	529	64.00-77.00	65-66	67.69
DRUMSTICKS	67	37.00-42.00	-	37.52
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 27, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.25 - 43.50	40.54	41.74

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 27-MAY-2002 TO 31-MAY-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 157.00	145.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	81.00 - 99.00	84.00 - 89.00
LEGS	29.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 26.00	17.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	31.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	24.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	45.00 - 74.00	51.00 - 53.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 47.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81-81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	86-90
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
DRY PACK		113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

24-MAY-2002				
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50	-	41,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50			

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	10.00-15.00	13.00-13.50	856,000	474,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.91	13.19		
15-20%				
RANGE	9.00-13.00	9.00-15.00	1,373,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	12.24	11.93		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly lower. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-MAY-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.75	8.5-9	8.92

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

24-MAY-2002				
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00	12.00-13.00	144,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	12.80		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-12.00	10.00-13.00	1,639,600	326,400
WTD AVERAGE	11.20	10.51		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal to normal. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-MAY-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.5	8-9	8.47
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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